THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL) : (a) As on 31st March 2002, Rs. 1336.24 crores was outstanding as PF arrears.

(b) The Central Board of Trustees, Employees' Provident Fund is considering an Amnesty Scheme.

(c) The field offices of EPFO have been instructed to monitor the cases for early disposal.

Court cases against defaulter Companies

†5071. SHRI MOTILAL VORA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases filed in various courts against the various companies for not depositing the amount of contribution of provident fund;

(b) the steps Government have taken for the speedy disposal of all the pending cases and the results thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the requisite arrangement are likely to be made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL) : (a) There are 52022 cases pending before various courts as on 31-12-2002.

(b) to (d) The field offices of EPFO have been instructed to monitor the cases for early disposal.

Abolition of Centrally Sponsored Schemes

5072. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are any proposals with Government to abolish the Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented in various States;

(b) whether there are also proposals to allot the funds to the States as they are better equipped to meet the local needs; and

(c) if so, by when it would be given effect to?

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.